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TITLE: LIQUID DROPLET EJECTION APPARATUS AND LIQUID DROPLET EJECTING METHOD

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **DIVISIONAL APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/884,457
Filed: June 19, 2001
Title: LIQUID DROPLET EJECTION APPARATUS AND LIQUID DROPLET EJECTING METHOD
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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 29 Page(s) of Specification
- 12 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 7 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1A-8)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- A Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449

3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

[] Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

[] Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

[] Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
09/884,457	June 19, 2001	Parent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-185494	June 20, 2000

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/884,457 on October 12, 2001.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to NGK Insulators, Ltd. at Reel 012259, Frame(s) 0524 (recorded October 15, 2001).

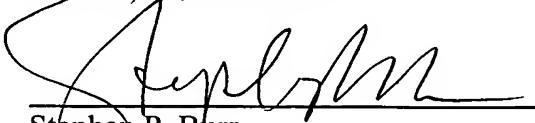
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Total Claims	1 - 20 =	0	× \$ 18.00	
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